

Golden Triangle Small Business Advisory Committee
Small Business and Local Government Assistance Section
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality
Tuesday, March 18, 2014 - 11:30AM - 1:00PM
Southeast Texas Regional Planning Commission, Transportation Conference Room
www.TexasEnviroHelp.org

Welcome and Introductions

The meeting was called to order. Each of the seven participants introduced themselves and the business/organization they represented.

Open Forum - SBAC

An action item from the last meeting was to see if any of the other SBACs have a form letter to invite elected officials to the meetings. Lori had checked but did not find one, so Jeff and Sheila will create a letter and send it to Andy for approval. Jeff also sent out an email with prospective meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

Andy Gardner, SBLGA Section Manager

Andy provided background information on SBACs and the Compliance Advisory Panel (CAP). He also updated items at the federal level that SBLGA is watching:

- Proposal to lower ozone action level to 60-70 range could affect small business;
- Greenhouse gas permitting proposed in HB 788 and rule making under way. EPA could pull many more sources in if they lower permitting thresholds in the future;
- Changes in the definition of waters of the United States could have a large impact on wastewater permitting rules.

Other Information

Charlie announced the Household Hazardous Waste day will be May 17, 2014 at the Intermediate School on West Roundbunch in Bridge City, TX. The Environmental Trade Fair will be held at the Austin Convention Center on May 6-7, 2014.